




The Secretary of Energy  
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENTS

FROM: SAMUEL W. BODMAN 

SUBJECT: Contracting with Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned  
Small Businesses

On October 20, 2004, President George W. Bush signed Executive Order 13360 to increase Federal contracting and subcontracting opportunities for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs).

Under section 308 of the Veterans Benefit Act of 2003, (Pub. L. 108-183), contracting officers may reserve certain contracts for SDVOSBs where there is a reasonable expectation that two or more SDVOSBs will submit offers and that the award will be made at a fair market price. Contracting officers may award a sole source contract to a responsible SDVOSB firm if only one SDVOSB can satisfy the requirement.

The policy of the Department of Energy is to encourage and facilitate participation by SDVOSBs in competition for award of certain contracts. The government-wide goal for participation by SDVOSBs is three percent of the total value of all prime contract and subcontract awards each fiscal year. To help achieve this goal, the Department should utilize section 308 authority where feasible and appropriate.

I strongly encourage you to support SDVOSBs. For additional information or assistance, please contact Ms. Theresa Alvillar-Speake, Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, at (202) 586-8383.

